of L.D.C.E. in non-safety categories (which include Accounts Department also).

Rail services between Nagpur and Pandhurna

1564. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any request from 'Pravasi Mandal Vidarbha Pradesh for the stoppage of Up and Dn Dakshin Express at Katol and Narkhed, for the running of a fast passenger train between Nagpur and Pandhurna to cater to the pressing requirement of commuters of the area and for the opening of a ticket counter at Sonkhamba station; which has already started functioning for other purposes; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The long distance traffic offering at Narkhed and Katol does not justify stoppage of 21/22 Hyderabad Express at these stations.

(ii) Apart from the lack of traffic justification, introduction of a train between Pandhurna and Nagpur is presently not feasible due to lack of resources like coaches and locomotives, spare line capacity on sections enroute and terminal facilities at both the terminals.

(iii) Sonkambha is a crossing station which has been opened purely for operational convenience to increase the line capacity of the section.

Reservation of posts and casual labourers in railways

1565. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a Memorandum No. AREC/ENG/84 dated the 12th June, 1984 from All India Railway Employees' Confederation, Bombay regarding irregularities in filling up of 40 per cent of reserve posts in survey and construction projects of Western Railway, Bombay;

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to implement the orders of the Railway Board regarding reservation of 40 per cent of the posts in construction projects for casual labourers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On the Western Railway, 918 Group C (Class III) and 608 Group D(Class IV) posts have been converted as permanent against 40 per cent reserve posts in Survey and Construction and Open Line.

रेलवे पुल का नाम बदला जाना

1566. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें एक संसद्-सदस्य से 30 जून, 1984 को इस आशय का कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है कि सरकार इलाहाबाद में फाफामऊ के पास गंगा नदी पर बने रेल पुल 'कर्जन ब्रिज' का नाम बदल कर महामना मालवीय पुल न करने के निर्णय पर पुनः विचार करे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) : (क) और (ख) 30-6-1984 का ऐसा कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुआ प्रतीत नहीं होता है। बहरहाल, पहले "कर्जन ब्रिज" का नाम बदल कर 'महामना मालवीय ब्रिज' रखने के अभ्यावेदन किये जाते रहे हैं। चूंकि वाराणसी के निकट गंगा नदी पर "मालवीय ब्रिज" नामक एक रेल एवं सड़क पुल पहले से ही है और अब एक दूसरे रेल एवं सड़क पुल का नाम मालवीय जी के नाम पर रखने से भ्रम उत्पन्न होगा। इसलिये यह विनिश्चय किया गया कि कर्जन ब्रिज का नाम न बदला जाये। इस विनिश्चय को बदलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

1567. (*Transferred to the -)th August*, 1984).

Adulteration of various commodities

1568. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that metanil-yellow is being widely used in adulteration of arhar dal; if so, what corrective steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken;

(b) whether it is also a fact that widespread adulteration of edible oils, dhania powder, milk powder, napthalene balls, washing soaps, detergents, etc. is taking place; and

(c) whether there has been a breakdown in the quality control set up both in States and at the Centre including the ISI, if so, what corrective steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to streamline the food quality control administration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No such reports have come to the notice of this Ministry. However, some earlier studies carried out at Industrial Toxicological Research Centre, Lucknow based on analysis of food stuffs during 1960—70 indicated that metanil yellow was used as a colouring material in rural areas. The State Governments were cautioned.

(b) There is no widespread audulteration of edible oils, dhania powder and milk powder. Napthalene balls, washing soaps and detergents neither come under the purview of prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 nor under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 administered by this Ministry.

(c) It is not correct to say that there is neglect and breakdown in quality control set up in States and the Centre. Various measures have been suggested to the State Governments from time to time to streamline the food control administration. It was also stressed in the Central Council of Health Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi from 9th to 11th July, 1984 to streamline and strengthen the State food control Administration.

वनस्पति निर्माताओं द्वारा की जा रही मुनाफाखोरी का रोका जाना

1569. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 18 दिसम्बर 1983 के साप्ताहिक "पांचजन्य" "वनस्पति निर्माताओं को 2500 करोड़ रुपये की भेंट" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस मुनाफाखोरी को रोकने के लिये ऐसे वनस्पति